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10. (Amended) The method of claim 13, comprising a further step of maintaining the neutral position or the park position of the transmission when the supply voltage for the electrical systems of the vehicle is switched off; and, only then leaving the position of the transmission when the start-drive command of the driver is recognized.

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 13, comprising a further step of interrupting the force flow after a predetermined time has elapsed after detection of standstill.

Please claims 13 and 14 as follows:

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13. A method for ensuring standstill of a vehicle in combination with a road speed controller of the vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

braking the vehicle to standstill with said road speed controller of said vehicle;

building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle is detected;

interrupting the force flow in the drive train of said vehicle by controlling an automatic transmission into a neutral position or a park position;

detecting a start-drive command of the driver when an operator-controlled element is actuated; and,

disengaging said parking brake function and controlling said

15 automatic transmission out of said neutral position or said park position.

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14. An arrangement for ensuring standstill of a vehicle in combination with a road speed controller of the vehicle, the arrangement comprising a control unit which executes the following steps:

5 braking the vehicle to standstill with said road speed controller of said vehicle;

building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle is detected;

10 interrupting the force flow in the drive train of said vehicle by controlling an automatic transmission into a neutral position or a park position;

detecting a start-drive command of the driver when an operator-controlled element is actuated; and,

15 disengaging said parking brake function and controlling said automatic transmission out of said neutral position or said park position.